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A Game for the Heart & Not for the Head

BRISTOL & WEST
BRISTOL V GLOUCESTER
at The Memorial Ground
Sunday 25th December 1995
Kick off 3.00 pm
Welcome to Gloucester

We trust that you’ve fully recovered from the Christmas festivities - remember when there were matches on Boxing Day! - and now have preparations in hand for the New Year celebrations. Just think, all those summer holiday adverts are now on television and the Easter eggs will be on sale in the shops in seventeen occasions.

This fixture dates back to September 1892 when Gloucester, with home advantage, were the 14pts-nil victors after scoring through three tries and two drop goals. The return game, in March 1893, ended 2pts-2 with both sides scoring a try.

Bristol gained revenge the following season by completing the double with a 7pts-3 (one try, one drop goal to one try) at Gloucester and a 7pts-nil (one try) when they met in Bristol. Back in 1898 a newspaper reporter wrote:

Associated with the meeting of Bristol and Gloucester are many features of exceptional interest. Since there was no rugby in any part of this season 1892/93, when the Gloucester Club acknowledged the progress of the Rugby game in Bristol, some rare fights have been witnessed, and one can almost say that much that is in the history of the rise in Bristol football is connected with the annual meetings of the teams for fifteen years.

In November 1890, Bristol played a side called Gloucester A and lost, away from home, 22pts-nil through six tries and four conversions.

There were also two games, both at Bristol, against the Gloucester Regiment. The first, in December 1913, ended in a Bristol victory by 41pts-nil and the second, in September 1927, resulted in a 28pts-nil victory for Bristol.

Later in this programme we look back to February 1962 when Gloucester’s scrum half was 17 year old John Spalding. Do you remember the scoreline?

Last Saturday Gloucester progressed to the Sixth Round of the Pilkington Cup with a convincing 55pts-20 victory at Kingsholm over Leeds.

Mark Mapletoft scored thirty points through two tries, four conversions and four penalties. Former Bristol, and Bath, wing Mike Lloyd also crossed for two tries with a try each from Scott Beniston, Pete Glanville and captain Dave Sims.

The League ‘Head to Head’ Gloucester have won seven of the thirteen encounters including the double last season. Here at The Memorial Ground in January it ended 14pts-31 and then in April at Kingsholm the final score was 18pts-14. This season in the League, Gloucester are in eighth place, two points clear of Bristol, having won four of their nine games.

At Kingsholm they beat Wasps (28pts-23) and London Irish (29pts-19) while on the road they had victories at Orrell (49pts-3) and West Hartlepool (23pts-11).

Their defeats at Kingsholm have been Bath (45pts-29) and Sale (16pts-12) while away from home they have lost 75pts-19 at Harlequins, 32pts-14 at Leicester and 41pts-11 at Saracens.

Gloucester Club File
Founded: 1873
Pilkington Cup Winners 1972, 1982 (shared)
Losing Finalists 1990
League Runners-up 1988/89, 1989/90
Last Season League: eighth
Cup: beaten 19pts-10 by Bath in Semi Final
President: Reg Collins, Chairman: Alan Brinn
Director of Coaching: Richard Hill
Captain: Dave Sims
Main Sponsors: Westbury Homes
Players In: Chris Cating (Exeter), Richard Ward (Hanvant), Paul Price, Scott Edwards (both Lydney), Andrew Mccaffe, Alex Morris (both Wakefield), Eral Anderson (Mosley), Dave Timmington, Simon Johnson, Ed Pearce (all Bath), Nigel Cane (Plymouth Albion), Nick Cooper (Clifton), Nick Smith (Bristol), Craig Emerson (Morely), Kester Wilkington (Cirencester), Nick Yellard (Redruth)
Departures: Craig Raymond, Bruce Fenley, Tim Smith, Pete Miles (all Worcester), Richard West (Richmond), Hilton Brown (Harlequins), Damian Cummins (Rugby Lions).

Bristol v Gloucester Record
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Home: 97 52 38 7 847 691
Away: 96 26 60 10 659 1034
Total: 193 78 98 17 1506 1725

Today’s Match Officials
The referee this afternoon is Doug Chapman from Scunthorpe.

Doug is in a Senior Management position in the communications industry and communication is a strong feature of his refereeing, evident by the respect gained from players in Yorkshire and throughout the country.

Doug, married with three children, played his rugby as a full back out of school and has been involved in rugby matters having taken active roles as Referee Training Officer. Coach and chairman of his club Scunthorpe’s local mini/junior section and is currently Chairman of local Referee’s Society.

Doug is a member of the RFU Panel of Referees and one of his RFU appointments that took him on a trip to South Africa to lecture and referee.

The senior Touch Judge is Tom Ashworth, also a member of the RFU Panel of Referees, from Bracknell in Berkshire with Sam Collins, from Cheltenham, the other Touch Judge, Mike Curling, from Bath is the RFU Adviser.
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Doug Chapman (Scunthorpe)

RFU Adviser
M Curling (Bath)

Touch Judges
Tom Ashworth (Reading)
Sam Collins (Cheltenham)